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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 13, 2005, the date for response to which has been extended to March 13, 2006, by the enclosed Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and Fee, please consider the remarks that follow: